BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEAR SHER-BURNE, MINN.

FEBRUARY 21, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. NEWTON of Minnesota, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 12264]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12264) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Minnesota and the counties of Sherburne and Wright to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River, having considered the same, report thereon and recommend that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

> DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Washington, February 18, 1925.

Hon. Samuel E. Winslow, Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

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Dear Mr. Winslow: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 13 inclosing a copy of H. R. 12264 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the State of Minnesota and the counties of Sherburne and Wright in said State, and their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River at or near the village of Clearwater in said county of Wright. No highway included in the system of Federal-aid highways approved for Minnesota crosses the Mississippi River at the point indicated for the location of the proposed bridge. Furthermore, the authorization to construct the bridge would be granted to the State of Minnesota and the counties named therein. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, no objection is seen to the passage of the bill. of the bill.

Sincerely,

WAR DEPARTMENT, February 18, 1925.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign

Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 12264, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to the State of Minnesota and the counties of Sherburne and Wright to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River.

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As the navigable portions of the Mississippi River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge

thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, Secretary of War.